

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 1 is amended. Claims 14-21 are added. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication that claims 3, 5, 6 and 9-13 contain allowable subject matter. These claims have been rewritten in independent form as new claims 14-21, respectively.

The Office Action objects to claim 1. Claim 1 has been amended to clarify that the shielding shell is configured to be connected to the shielding casing.

Claims 1, 4, 7 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication 2002/0081904 to Ko, and claims 1-2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,755,597 to Panis et al. ("Panis"). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*, "a shielding shell having conductive characteristic and fixedly attached to an end portion of a braided shield member enclosing the plurality of wires collectively, the shielding shell being configured to be connected to the shielding casing." Support for claim 1 may be found throughout the specification. For example, specific support for a braided shield member may be found in the specification at page 28, lines 9-14.

Applicants respectfully submit that Ko and Panis do not disclose, teach or suggest "a shielding shell having conductive characteristic and fixedly attached to an end portion of a braided shield member enclosing the plurality of wires collectively, the shielding shell being configured to be connected to the shielding casing," as recited in independent claim 1.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is patentably distinguishable over the applied art. Claims 2-13 depend from independent claim 1 and are likewise patentably distinguishable over the applied art for at least their dependence on an allowable

base claim, as well as for additional features they recite. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

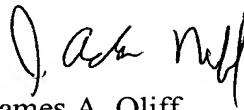
New claims 14-17 are based upon claims 3, 5, 6 and 9 written in independent form and are allowable for the same reasons stated in the Office Action for claims 3, 5, 6 and 9. Claims 18-21 depend from claim 17 and are allowable for at least their dependence on an allowable base claim, as well as for additional features they recite.

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For at least these reasons, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-21 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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